

# The Journal Register

## PALMER

# Crafting a new town budget trickier this year

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PALMER — Palmer Town Manager Ryan McNutt is drafting the next fiscal year budget while trying to reconcile the reality of funding a municipality during a pandemic.

He's working with one known — that expenses are rising — and the unknown of how much lower the

town's revenues will be compared to the prior fiscal year. Like for most towns and cities, COVID-19 has thrown a curve at those responsible for drafting spending plans. McNutt said he intends to turn his budget proposal over to town council the first week in March.

"Although there is not an estimate at the moment, the overall sort of plan is to try and craft as conservative a budget on the expense side

as possible, to try to keep our expenses as low as we possibly can," McNutt said.

"Our expenses are not going to be the same as last year because some things have inflation or interest rates go up, or you get a new premium on an insurance plan or something, so either way, we know our costs our fixed costs are rising," he said.

The town of Palmer has been

operating with a budget of around \$40 million the past few years. Public school funding accounts for approximately \$16 million of the total.

McNutt said he's expecting the town to receive less than the typical \$400,000 to \$450,000 in new tax revenue it expects most years.

"We're going to have less than that this year," he said.

"We might be trying to put to-

gether a budget with \$300,000 in new money. That's the part that I haven't seen the full picture of yet."

Residents who would like to have input on the new town budget are encouraged to contact their town leaders, such as council members and other town officials.

"They can talk to a department head," McNutt said.

"During a meeting, folks who volunteer on boards and commis-

sions think about something and ask to consider it in the next budget. They talk to their councilors and tell them there's things that they'd like to see happen around town or ask why something is not happening. We encourage citizens to give us their feedback."

Anyone interested in discussing the budget with McNutt can call 413-283-2600, ext. 2603.

## MASTERPLAN

# Palmer earns praise for reducing energy use

PALMER — The latest Palmer Master Plan Steering Committee meeting focused on sustainability and climate adaptation.

During the Dec. 17 public forum — No. 6 in the series and held virtually on M-PACT channel 15, Facebook Live and Zoom — featured consultants Donny Goris-Kolb and Van Du, both with the engineering firm VHB. Goris-Kolb

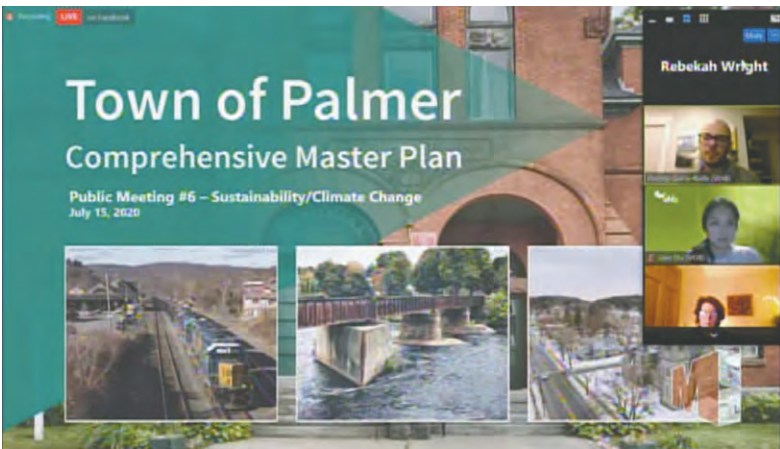
is project manager and Du is a sustainability planner. The two led the discussion.

Du began the discussion by sharing that the momentum for sustainability began in 2010 with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Certified Green Community, which according to Du, achieved a 41 percent energy reduction in 2014.

"Palmer was one of the very first communities in Massachusetts to receive the DOER Green Community Designation, Du said.

She said it signifies a transformation for the town.

"This designation solidifies Palmer's commitment to clean



The sixth Masterplan Meeting, focusing on Sustainability and Climate Change, took place on Dec. 17.

## Sustainability & Resilience – Public Facilities and Services

### Community assessment of public facilities or services:

	Performance/Condition
Public Works – Roadways/Sidewalks	Fair
Public Works – Sewers	Good
Public Works – Recycling	Poor
Police services	Good
Fire services	Excellent/Good
Water districts	Good/Fair
Council on Aging/Senior Center	Good
Public Library	Excellent
Recreation facilities/services	Poor
School facilities/services	Fair

During the meeting, a community assessment of public facilities or services was shown. The chart showed that the town's road/sidewalks are considered in fair condition, but recycling services poor.

energy goals, looking at reducing energy and lower greenhouse gas emission. This effort was made possible by results of early energy audit, in collaboration with National Grid for the town and working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to develop an energy reduction plan. So, today, Palmer

has pursued various efforts to reduce energy consumption, implementing energy efficiency improvements across the municipal facilities."

Du went on to showcase charts provided by MassEnergy/Insight filled with data that showed an 8% increase in municipal energy use in

- Opportunities/Considerations:
- Examine the vulnerabilities that could disrupt municipal operations
- Expand green fleet vehicles

What goals and/or actions should be considered to advance sustainability and prepare for resilience?

## TOWN HALL



A surplus truck for sale on the govdeals.com website where Monson has been selling its unused equipment and sometimes getting a better return than expected.

# Town gets cash for trash, crunches numbers for 2021

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MONSON — Who doesn't love yard sales?

Whether you're browsing or selling, the old saying about one person's trash being another's treasure has taken on new meaning in the digital age. It's also become a source of revenue for the Town of Monson.

During a recent select board meeting, Town Administrator Evan Brassard reported that he's been able to add \$42,000 to Monson's general fund by selling equipment that had been doing nothing but gathering dust for years by putting it up for auction on govdeals.com.

Municipalities worldwide can register on the site and post property for sale that anyone can bid on.

"There was a number of things we pulled up that are old and haven't been used in quite some time," Brassard told the board.

"Most of everything on that list with the exception of two trucks have been sitting for 20 years or more in some cases, so we're just cleaning house."

Brassard said he expects the town to make at least another \$8,000 through the website. In some instances, the town's surplus property sold for more than expected.

"It's bizarre," he said.

"I sold a used chief's vehicle and they offered us \$3,500 in trade and I got \$7,000. And then you'll have this gigantic trailer and you'll get 400 bucks. It's really hard to figure out what things are going for, but it's a good system and it's netted us some good return and a lot of this stuff has been just sitting for years, so it's us cleaning house."

Among other surplus property, Monson is looking to off-load a 1996 International 49000, a 2007 Ford Ranger Sport, a Highlander truck sander, two trailers, "and six assorted snow plows — all designated as surplus property to sell," Brassard said.

### Cell Tower Test

Another item of interest that came up during the meeting was a question posed by board member Mary Hull, who asked about a

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## INFRASTRUCTURE

# Hitchcock Field area getting a sidewalk and more

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HOLLAND — A sidewalk, traffic measures and amenities are coming to a portion of Sturbridge Road near Holland Elementary School.

Funding for the project got a boost in the latest round of MassDOT's Shared Winter Streets and Spaces Program. The Town of Holland was awarded \$37,760 of more than \$3 million split among 15 municipalities in the Commonwealth.

This program launched in June 2020 and has provided \$10.2 million to municipalities and provides technical and funding assistance to help Massachusetts cities and towns during winter. It was intended in part to give towns and cities a boost

during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has dented public coffers.

Curbs, streets and parking areas will be designed and implemented in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce, according to MassDOT.

"City and town officials have worked hard during the pandemic to support small businesses and provide enough space for safe outdoor activities, including walking and biking," MassDOT Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack said in a press release.

"I am proud of the mix of projects and municipalities represented in this round of awards and look forward to receiving more applications over the next few months."

In Holland, in addition to "new calming traffic measures" and a sidewalk, the grant will help pay for repainting existing crosswalks, installing benches, tables and bike parking in the vicinity of Holland

Elementary and across the street from Hitchcock Field.

Holland Police Chief Bryan C. Haughey said the intent behind applying for the grant was safety. A sidewalk, he said, would be a big improvement.

"That was one of the things we thought of when trying to create a safe route of access," Haughey said.

"We want to build a sidewalk that's going to be about 400 feet and it will surround a portion of the perimeter of the Hitchcock Field recreation area. We also would like to improve the crosswalks running from the school across to the new sidewalk, alongside Hitchcock Field."

Haughey said the initiative is part of a plan to improve the infrastructure in that part of Holland where important destinations are located.



A sidewalk around a portion of the Hitchcock Field recreation area and other improvements there and around Holland Elementary School on Sturbridge Road are coming this spring with the help of a MassDOT grant.

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QUABOAG CHAMBER TALK

With COVID relief, chances for DUA fraud more likely

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REGION — One of the most vexing things about identity theft is not if it can happen to you, but when.

That’s especially true for those applying for unemployment benefits. Now that laid-off employees and underemployed independent contractors – aka “gig workers” – who exhausted their benefits since early 2020 are eligible for financial help from the new round of federal COVID-19 relief passed by Congress late last year, fraudsters are likely to pounce. Again.

The surge in cases of people whose identities were hijacked by thieves who were able to masquerade as unemployment claimants and steal those benefits last year raised alarm bells. After that wave, employers and workers are urged to stay alert for the next wave of thefts.

“Criminal enterprises in possession of stolen personal information from earlier national data breaches have been attempting to file large amounts of illegitimate unemployment claims through the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) system,” according to a post on mass.gov.

“This is part of a national unemployment fraud scheme.”

Enhanced security measures by the state could help, though officials urge patience.

“The Department of Unemployment Assistance has begun implementing additional identity verification measures that will temporarily delay the payment timeframe for many unemployment claims in Massachusetts,” the post states.

“As a result of these measures, certain unemployment claimants may be asked to provide additional identity information in order to ver-

ify the validity of their claim.”

A big part of the problem is that so much personal information is available for fraudsters and hackers to mine. Whether it’s social media, online banking, subscribing to streaming services, making purchases online, or just simply having a history and an email address, nearly everyone who uses the internet is vulnerable.

Business People Warned

The keynote speaker for a recent virtual meeting of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce addressed the crime of opportunity that led to 58,000 fraudulent claims that netted identity hijackers \$158 million last year, according to data from mass.gov.

Evan Murphy, director of client development for the Springfield-based company Unemployment Tax Control Associates, explained how easy it can be for individuals and companies to become vulnerable.

“If you think about Equifax, the credit reporting authority, when you’re going to pull your credit for anything, what are you providing? You’re providing them basically carte blanche to go pull your information – your employer, your employment history, your wages, your address and [Social Security number],” he said.

Last year might have been a wake-up call for the Commonwealth, Murphy said, while most states experienced the same type of crime.

“But it does seem like the Department of Unemployment Assistance Massachusetts has had a tougher go of it than a lot of the other states,” he said.

“Very early on, like Washington State was actually shut down for three days because they got so jammed up with unemployment fraud claims and they said we can’t

take any more new claims. We’ve got to figure this whole thing out.”

As a firm specializing in helping businesses navigate the unemployment insurance landscape, UTCA has niche experience. Murphy said the company has extended services even further than it could have imagined in the past year.

“At the beginning of COVID, we never wanted to be an outsourced customer service arm for the Department of Unemployment Assistance, and we don’t hope to be, but sometimes it’s helpful because a lot of what we have to do with our clients is help them understand the rules and understand how the unemployment works,” he said.

Some of the business owners or representatives attending the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce meeting said their company and employees have been targeted. Murphy said the numbers can be staggering.

“Recently, we received seventy-five claims for a client in one day and only three of them were real. So right now it’s a little bonkers,” he said.

“But within the last two or three weeks, the DUA made some really good steps. But it’s a give and take a little bit. They now have gone to greater lengths to verify validity with claimants, but we’re getting reports that in some instances it’s stalling payments for actual legitimate claims.”

Act Immediately

If you believe someone has applied for unemployment benefits using your personal information, use DUA secure fraud reporting form at mass.gov/unemployment-fraud to alert the agency or call the DUA customer service department at 877-626-6800.

For more information on UTCA and its services, go to utcainc.com or call 413-732-8084.

Housing group: 2021 could mean more homelessness; Financial aid offered

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REGION — In pre-COVID times, housing insecurity in Massachusetts, including in local communities, already was concerning to organizations that monitor such issues. The pandemic that’s approaching a one-year anniversary and distressed a burgeoning economy along the way has made the situation even more dire, they say.

That’s why organizations like Way Finders are eager to get the word out about resources available to assist financially distressed residents, including those who are homeless or could lose their homes this year.

Way Finders, a nonprofit organization serving Western Mass., is working with government agencies such as the Town of Monson Community Preservation Committee and the Massachusetts Dept. of Housing and Community Development to offer a lifeline. The hit the economy has taken during the pandemic includes an erosion of jobs and the income that comes with it. This not only puts homeowners and renters in a bind, but landlords as well – particularly those who owe mortgages on their investment properties. According to data from Way Finders, 50% of residents in this region use more than 30% of their income on housing – and one in four use more than half their income to keep a roof overhead.

Data provided to Way Finders from by the UMass Donahue Institute projects a housing supply gap of 11,290 units – a gap expected to widen to nearly 19,000 units by 2025. Compounding the issue of too few affordable housing units, the ones that are available are arguably becoming less affordable to people with low or moderate incomes. That puts people with the lowest income and experiencing reduced income due to the pandemic in a precarious situation.

Financial Help Available

A variety of programs are offered and many are available to eligible residents of Hampden County. One specific to Monson residents can provide up to \$5,000 per household that is in arrears on rent, mortgage, and utility bills.



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Hampden County residents facing eviction or who need assistance securing suitable and affordable housing can turn to Way Finders, a non-profit that offers a variety of programs, including help with paying utility bills, finding employment, credit and financial planning counseling, and more.

That type of assistance is also available for those who live outside the town but reside in the county. There’s also help with security deposits and other move-in costs, deposits for utilities and other needs facing people trying to find a home or stay in the one they already occupy.

Assistance is provided on a first-come basis and Way Finders, which is funded by the Commonwealth, local municipalities, and individual donors, urges residents to apply as soon as possible. In addition to emergency financial assistance, Way Finders has a variety of programs to help residents learn how to create a better, more secure life, including:

**Credit Success:** Way Finders is nonprofit nationally certified by HUD, CHAPA, and the NeighborWorks Nationally Industry Standards. Credit Success is a financial education program that offers educational workshops, individual support, and guidance to anyone in the community. The program helps families and individuals reach their goals, whether they want to buy a house or a car, pay off student loan debt, or learn how to build excellent credit. Call 413-233-1621 or email homeownership@wayfinders.org

**Become a Landlord:** For those who already own invest-

ment property or would like to. Way Finders is always interested in partnerships with landlords who want to offer affordable homes in good repair and offers education, counseling and other resources to support them. Call 413-233-1542 or email landlordservices@wayfinders.org

**Employment Support:** Addresses barriers to employment, includes one-on-one career counseling, resumé and cover letter writing, job search support, interview training, a Job Readiness Certificate program, and much more, including lack of childcare, transportation and education. There is also help with substance abuse issues. Call 413-233-1500, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.4 p.m., email info@wayfinders.org or fill out a contact form at wayfinders.org/contact

“The data shows that coming into the pandemic there was already a housing affordability crisis for renters,” Way Finders CEO Keith Fairey said.

“The extreme economic downturn has made that crisis a housing emergency for many families throughout our region. These circumstances have resulted in an overwhelming demand for RAFT and other emergency financial assistance programs. We encourage all families experiencing this emergency to apply for assistance now in order to start the process.”

For more information about Way Finders programs, call 413-233-1600, email housingsupport@wayfinders.org, or visit wayfinders.org. To fill out an application online, go to wayfinders.org/covid.

Brimfield survey can affect cable deal

The town of Brimfield will begin negotiating with Charter Communications on the company’s continuation of cable television service to the town later this year. The Public Access TV Department asks that residents who are Charter subscribers take a brief online survey as part of fact-gathering to prepare for

bargaining.

The license covers local access channels, Charter Cable TV service and installations to homes, businesses and along town roadways. Local access channels include Public Access Channel 191, Government Access Channel 192, and Education Access Channel 194. These

carry a variety of town and regional programs.

To take the 10-question survey, cable subscribers should visit brimfield.tv and click the “Customer Survey” link near the top of the page.

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A Weekend Counselor is responsible for enhancing the quality of life in the dorms as part of the Eagle Hill Student Life program. This includes fostering a cooperative and considerate residential learning community for all students. The position carries a wide range of duties, responsibilities and requires a high level of commitment of both time and effort. A Weekend Counselor plays a central role in building a residential community for the students

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for supporting the student body in their effort to generalize daily living skills.
- Responsible for the smooth operation of the dorm floor, Student Life program, safety and productivity for 15-20 students.
- To serve as a role model by demonstrating responsible behavior, integrity and good judgment.
- Collaborating with faculty serving a Student Life shift, to maintain an organized and consistent dorm floor.
- Enforce rules and ensure adherence to the Student Code of Conduct and dorm floor expectations.
- To listen and provide an empathetic ear and sound judgment by helping students come to their own conclusions about how to address problems.
- To take part in planning and supervising both on and off campus activity programming for students.
- To collaborate information and activities with weekday dorm counselors.
- To assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Director of Weekend Services.

Specific duties:

- Be available to reside overnight in the residence halls.
- To provide active leadership in a variety of activities throughout the Student Life program.
- As an information resource, a weekend counselor is expected to help students deal with conflicts by adopting impartial solutions to issues that arise. When necessary, weekend counselors will collaborate with Director of Weekend Services, Student Life administrators, and/or a student’s advisor.
- Attend appropriate training sessions when they arise.
- To complete all necessary reports and records needed for Eagle Hill School.
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"We have a school up here, a library, Town Hall and the field," said Haughey. From a safety standpoint, it's an area that we want to make as safe as possible for people."

The next step for the town is finding a contractor. Haughey said the entire project must be completed by May 31 to comply with the conditions provided by the grant.

"We will start the project around the springtime," he said.

"It'll go pretty quickly in the next couple of months."

An in-depth analysis of the grant award can be accessed by visiting the Holland Police Department's Facebook page.

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# Monson Savings Bank prepared for 2021 leadership transition

*Two longtime Monson locals to lead bank forward*

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank's leadership transition plan announced earlier in 2020 has been a success with the bank well-prepared for the transition taking place in February 2021. Daniel Moriarty Sr., the current president and future CEO of Monson Savings Bank, will be carrying on the bank's legacy following the retirement of Steve Lowell, the bank's president and CEO for the last 10 years. Michael Rouette will be leading alongside Moriarty as the executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"Dan is highly qualified for this role. He has an abundance of experience in community banking and has been instrumental in Monson Savings Bank's success over the last 22 years. He is a true local to area and has a unique understanding of the market we serve," said Lowell. "He knows and cares about these communities and is passionate about continuing to provide them with the best community banking service and support. We look forward to his leadership and the new successes he will help bring the bank."

As of October 2020, Moriarty Sr. was named president of Monson Savings Bank. He will assume his role of president and CEO of Monson Savings Bank following Lowell's retirement effective Feb. 14.

Moriarty has been with Monson Savings for 22 years. He joined the bank in 1998 as an accounting manager, working his way up, and most recently Moriarty served as the bank's senior vice president and chief financial officer since 2011. "Humbled and honored," are the words Moriarty used to describe the trust placed in him as the next leader.

As a lifelong resident of Monson, Moriarty's in-depth understanding of the bank's local neighborhoods give him a unique insight into what a community bank means to the area. That along with his experience, knowledge and dedication to community banking made him an optimal successor to fill the role of president and CEO.

An alumni of Monson High School, he then graduated with



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**Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Steve Lowell, CEO of Monson Savings Bank and Dan Moriarty, Sr., current President and future CEO of Monson Savings Bank.**

honors from both Providence College and the National School of Banking at Fairfield University. He is heavily involved in the local community through outreach efforts including his roles as East of the River Chamber Board of Director, Baystate Health Eastern Region Community Benefit Advisory Council, Community Foundation of Western MA Volunteer Grant/Scholarship Reviewer, Brightside Golf Classic co-chair, Pro-Am Shriners Hospital Golf Tournament co-chair, Monson Home for Aged Board Member, Finance Committee Member and confirmation teacher of St. Patrick's Church in Monson, and Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach of Monson High School.

"I have deep roots in the communities Monson Savings Bank serves. I was born, raised, went to school here, bought my first home, happily married and raised my children here. I still proudly call Monson and Western Massachusetts my home," said Moriarty.

Likewise, Michael Rouette, recently named executive vice president and chief operating officer, also has a long local history with Monson and Western Mass. In fact, he and Moriarty grew up together, are longtime friends, and both attended Monson High School and then worked alongside one another at Monson Savings Bank for years.

Rouette has been with Monson Savings Bank for over 30 years and began his career at Monson Savings Bank in 1987

as a teller. In addition to being an alumni of Monson High School, he graduated from Old Dominion University, the Massachusetts School for Financial Studies at Babson College and the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado. He is a board member of the YMCA of Greater Springfield.

"I am so happy to continue my career with Monson Savings, a local bank truly focused on our customers," said Rouette. "We care about their well-being, their financial health and work hard to continually optimize the way we operate to best serve their banking needs. Both personal and business banking customers can feel confident that when they place their trust in Monson Savings Bank that they will be well taken care of."

Rouette and Moriarty both appreciate and embrace the values that differentiate Monson Savings Bank from its competitors. A keen focus on customers, providing personalized attention, innovative banking tools and creating a positive work culture for Monson employees being just some of the distinguishing factors.

"Michael is a positive and knowledgeable leader who inspires others to bring their best to the table," said Lowell. "On top of his many years of community banking experience, his local roots and commercial lending background give him a distinctive link with our local business community. Dan and Michael's long connection

as friends, teammates and colleagues, their local roots, their innovative thinking and their respected leadership approach are the reasons why they are a perfect and dynamic team to lead Monson Savings Bank forward. Monson Savings Bank is in good hands."

Lowell has been the president and CEO of Monson Savings Bank for the last 10 years. Following his retirement on Feb. 14, 2021, Lowell will continue to serve Monson Savings Bank in the role of chairman of the Board.

At the start of Lowell's 10 year tenure as President and CEO in 2010, Monson Savings Bank had five offices with \$237 million in assets and 60 employees. Under his leadership the bank saw immense growth and remained fiscally strong. Monson Savings Bank now has seven locations, including five branches, \$510 million in assets and 95 employees.

Lowell was instrumental in spotting growth opportunities that would allow the bank to provide customers with high quality and convenient service, including the opening of the Loan and Operations Center in Wilbraham and the new branch location in East Longmeadow. Along with Moriarty, Lowell recognized the importance of providing customers with digital banking, online account opening and online application options.

Lowell has been heavily involved in the local community

and plans to continue his support and service to the area. His involvement over the years includes the roles of board member and past chairman of the United Way of Pioneer Valley, a corporator and Finance Committee member of the Monson Free Library, a Community Benefits Advisory Council Board member of Wing Memorial Hospital, a board member of the Savings Bank Employees Retirement Association, past chairman of the Depositor's Insurance Fund and a board member of the Massachusetts Bankers Association. He will continue his service as chairman of the board for the Baystate Health Eastern Region, board member and treasurer of the Western Mass EDC, a Finance Committee member for Baystate Health and as a board member of the Depositor's Insurance Fund.

"All of us at Monson Savings Bank have found Steve's leadership and support over the years to be invaluable. Monson's growth and success over the last decade is in large part to his leadership. He developed a culture of respect and teamwork that fostered a positive and productive work environment, allowing every team member to feel invested and happy with their work," said Moriarty. "I look forward to continuing forward with the culture he has established."

Incorporated as a mutually chartered community bank in 1872, Monson Savings Bank has the longest tenure of service and stability in its market. Civic leaders chartered the bank with the intent to give working men and women the opportunity to save, which – incredibly, they could not do prior to the bank's inception. Today, Monson Savings Bank retains its legacy of empowerment through savings, but has expanded to serve its customers with a variety of innovative financial services, including digital banking, online mortgage applications, business banking and commercial lending.

The bank has expanded on its promise of "where people save, businesses prosper, and communities benefit" by opening offices in Hampden, Wilbraham, Ware, and most recently East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. The bank also opened a retail and business loan operations center in Wilbraham in 2020.

**JOB POSTING**

## Youth Engagement Coordinator Quaboag Hills Prevention Partnership & Town of Ware

**Overall Duties:**

The Youth Engagement Coordinator will strategically identify, recruit, and engage with individuals and organizations serving youth and young adults to bring a 'youth voice' and participation into planning processes and activities that deliver proven prevention strategies to reduce youth substance use in the Quaboag Hills region. The Youth Engagement Coordinator will continually help build the capacity of and sustain the Partnership's work with youth on underage drinking, nicotine and marijuana use, insuring that programs and activities are youth-driven and youth-led. Will work with Prevention Partnership team to ensure that required reports and data collection are completed.

**Qualifications:**

B.A. or B.S in Public Health or related field preferred. Prior experience in health-related outreach/communications with youth and young adults, community organizing and health planning. Understands unique needs of and works effectively with youth/ young

adults. Excellent writing skills, including promotional/outreach materials; knowledge of the workings of municipal government; strong computer skills including knowledge of social media tools that reach youth. Must demonstrate: sensitivity to, and awareness of cultural, racial, ethnic, economic, and social diversity including LGBTQ; awareness of community strengths and rural culture; ability to interact with a variety of stakeholders; ability to work independently and as part of a team; ability to maintain objectivity, fairness in dealing with people.

**Salary & Hours:**

Position is a Town of Ware employee and funded by a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); position 28 hours per week with potential for the job to become full-time in the future. Hours are primarily 9-5 Monday through Friday; some evening/weekend meetings and events.

**To apply for the position, E-mail a Cover Letter and Resume to:**

**Gail Gramarossa, Project Director, Quaboag Hills Prevention Partnership**  
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Viewpoints

Jay Demore and Demore's Automotive are my 'Hometown Hero!'

By Jessica Leroux



Demore's makes a \$1,000 donation to the Palmer Senior Center. The business has supported the community with outreach through most of 2020 and into 2021 to help soften the impact of the prolonged pandemic.

“Hometown Hero.” What are the qualifications to receive such a noble nomination? What types of community service would a person need to complete in order to even be considered? The answer is simple. A “hometown Hero” is a person or group that continuously strives to bring their community together, by making sure that no one goes without basic necessities and always has the betterment of society at the forefront.

I had the pleasure of meeting Jay Demore and his staff at Demore's Automotive in early spring when he advertised free oil changes to all healthcare personnel. This offer came about at the same time that our local hospitals were seeing a significant increase in COVID patients. How thoughtful!

This small gesture made me feel appreciated, valued, and important during what seemed like the most stressful and difficult days to come. When I showed up to my appointment, his office staff informed me that in addition to the free oil change, the technicians were also going to do a multi-point inspection to ensure that my vehicle was safe and able to make the frequent commutes to and from the hospitals that I work.

It was such a pleasure getting to know this team from that day forward.

The offer for free oil changes to healthcare workers was just the beginning of what Jay and his team had in store for 2020. Here are just a few of the many reasons why the Demore's Automotive team is MY hometown hero:

Demore's Automotive has been leading by example for other community members to help support our local food pantry. Between the many food drives and even offering automotive service discounts in exchange for donated food, his initiatives to keep the local food pantry shelves stocked, have been nothing short of successful.

Their support of local restaurants and businesses, especially during such an unprecedented time, is beyond admirable. Between the bulk purchasing of restaurant gift cards and raffling them off to renting a Stand Out Truck with advertisements of local eateries, the Demore's team certainly got their message across – that message is that our local businesses need us now more than ever.

Securing and delivering 80+ Thanksgiving dinners to our local senior citizens who would otherwise not have had such a generous spread. How heartwarming!

Jay and his team were very active in giving back this Christmas season and successfully encouraged many others to join him. Offering free pizza to anyone that donated a toy to a child in need and helping a local group reach their goal of ensuring that all local low-income families had gifts for their children on Christmas morning; Being a major driving force in the “Stuff A Cruiser” event by getting the word out and encouraging others to participate and donate toys to those in need. This team truly shines...

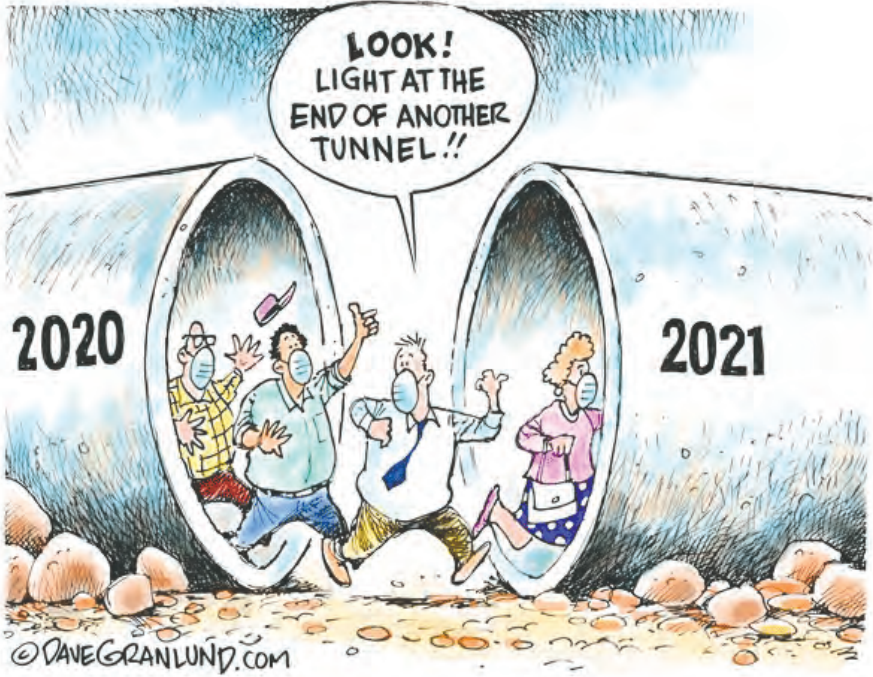
How about his generous offer for free oil changes to veterans the week of Veterans Day?! Or offering to buy three boxes of Girl Scout cookies from any Girl Scout who came in? Jay's exact words were, “In the interest of encouraging small business and cultivating customer service skills in young girls, Demore's Automotive would like to encourage the Girl Scouts in their cookie-selling endeavors.” That statement alone speaks to the compassion that this team has for the community and community members not to mention how important it is to them for our community to do well and succeed... Together.

Even though it would be extremely easy for me to continue giving you examples as to why Jay Demore and his team at Demore's Automotive deserve the title of “Hometown Hero,” I must bring this letter to a close:

To Jay Demore and team,

Thank you! Thank you for showing me and this community what it means to truly be selfless. You've been a steadfast leader and exemplar and have played a major role in increasing public awareness to some very vital situations happening within our town. Your positivity and community outreach is outstanding. Thank you for being our “Hometown Hero!”

Jessica Leroux, RRT  
is respiratory therapy supervisor for  
Baystate Health Eastern Region.



All-America Selections for 2021 named

With the holidays behind us it's time for a pick-me-up. Nothing cheers me more than dreaming about my next garden. I love the early planning stage most of all and it starts about this time each year. Seed catalogs begin to arrive in the mail and the glossy photos and “flowery” dialogue lure me to open the pages and curl up with a notebook and a warm cup of tea. I began this yearly ritual over three decades ago and it never grows old. Perhaps you are a like-minded soul who also thinks this is a good way to pass a cold winter evening.

When perusing the catalog, no doubt you will come across the All-America Selections badge of honor next to certain flower, herb, perennial or vegetable varieties. What exactly does it mean to be an AAS winner? You'll be glad to learn more about this trusted organization and what receiving its award means for your garden.

For the last 88 years, the distinction of All-America Selection has been bestowed on new, worthy cultivars of our favorite plants. They are awarded this honor after thorough testing at independent trial grounds throughout North America, with the nonprofit organization's motto being “tested nationally and proven locally.” AAS judges compare new flower introductions to those that are already on the market, searching for such desirable characteristics as novel flower color and form, fragrance, length of flowering and disease or pest tolerances or resistance. Vegetables are evaluated similarly, with judges contrasting uniformity, ease of growth, harvest-time and disease tolerance and more with already established varieties. After assessing the plants throughout the growing season scores are tabulated and those with the highest average are considered to be worthy of an AAS award. Let's learn more about two of this year's winners.

Celosia Kelos Candela Pink is a 2021 AAS flower winner. For those of you who know and love plumed celosia, this is your pick. Judges touted this plant as an “Energifizer Bunny” bloom-wise.

Foot tall bright deep pink flower spikes rise above foliage that tops off just under two and a half feet tall. Flowers are long-lasting and unlike some celosia, keep their color throughout the season. Judges agree that Kelos Candela Pink is great filler for mixed containers, adding height and textural interest but it also succeeds as a landscape plant either in mass plantings or borders. Reportedly it also dries well too, although I will believe it when I try it for myself since most celosia are prone to shattering. This AAS winner is available in plant form only.

Another winner that I am very excited about is Zinnia Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor. This new addition to the ev-

er-popular floriferous and disease resistant ‘Profusion’ series starts out with a vibrant red center surrounded by golden yellow petals only to transform into shades of pink, apricot and salmon as it ages. Perhaps the next best attribute of this winner after its alter color ego is that it maintains a compact size of about a foot tall. This winner is versatile, too, succeeding in containers, hanging baskets, mixed plantings and en masse. Another bonus: pollinators love it! Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor is also the recipient of the Fleuroselect Gold Medal award for performance in European trials.

Because testing is local, I feel confident when I purchase plants or seeds of past or present AAS winners and with proper care they should live up to their description in my own garden. For more information and a full list of winners past and present, log on to [www.all-americaelections.org](http://www.all-americaelections.org). Here you will find many steady Eddie's of the garden world.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

BUSINESS

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HISTORY MATTERS

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith  
Guest columnists

January 1 to January 15

Whatever you call it: “Continental Colors,” “Congress Flag,” “Cambridge Flag,” or “Grand Union Flag,” it was the first national flag of the United States. According to historical lore, George Washington unveiled it Jan. 1, 1776, during the American Revolution, but the stars and stripes motif encompassed a replica of the British flag in the upper left-hand corner.

“It was sort of a compromise between the radicals who wanted to see a separate nation, and the people who were more conciliatory, and wanted to see some accommodation with the crown,” according to historian and flag expert David Martucci.

The History Channel noted in June of 1777 that “the Continental Congress adopted a resolution stating, ‘the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate stripes red and white’ and

that ‘the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.’”

To learn more, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Kevin Keim's and Peter Keim's “A Grand Old Flag: A History of the United States Through its Flags.”

It is difficult for the iPhone generation to fathom the complexities of communication throughout history. For decades, telephones used hard-wired landlines to commence a call. And before that: the telegraph – an invention by Samuel Finley Breese Morse, who demonstrated its “efficiency” via an electrical impulse on January 6, 1838. It came with a code that Morse created using dots and dashes – instead of the alphabet – to move a message from point A to point B.

He formulated the idea in 1832; by 1838, with the assistance of his two partners, Leonard Gale and Alfred Vail, he had a working model. Morse requested funding from Congress to make the prototype. It included

construction of overhead wires between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland, but the legislators demurred.

Five years later, he garnered the approval, and the money, to proceed; on May 24, 1844 Morse sent his first telegraphic message: “What hath God wrought.”

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Lewis Coe's “The Telegraph: A History of Morse's Invention and Its Predecessors in the United States.”

The U.S. Constitution was signed into law by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention in September of 1787. It structured the federal government, explained the essential laws of the country and guaranteed basic rights for every citizen.

But it was not the first American Constitution. That inaugural document was written and adopted on Jan. 14, 1639, by the settlers from the original Massachusetts Bay Colony, who had migrated to the Connecticut River Valley. It was known as the

Fundamental Orders.

According to History.com, “Roger Ludlow, a lawyer, wrote much of the Fundamental Orders, and presented a binding and compact frame of government that put the welfare of the community above that of individuals. It was also the first written constitution in the world to declare the modern idea that ‘the foundation of authority is in the free consent of the people.’” In 1662, the Charter of Connecticut superseded the Fundamental Orders, though the majority of the original document's laws and statutes remained in force until 1818.”

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends A. Chamberlain's “The First Constitution Of Connecticut: The Fundamental Orders.”

History Matters A biweekly column courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which show's the nation's children that their past is prelude to their future.

Letters to the Editor

The evolution (or dissolution) of the Republican Party

The post-Tump era of the GOP has begun. The party is emerging into three groups:

- The Mein Kampf Brigade. Led by Cruz and Johnson these 11 senators will go to no ends to banish a democracy and turn it into a fascist state. They brook no deviation from the ultra-right conservatism in much the same manner as the nazis of the 1930s.

- The Nearly Moderates. A group of senators that will accept their role as the minority party and attempt to compromise on certain political issues – this group includes Murkowski, Romney, Collins, Sasse, Portman, and perhaps one or two other senators.

- The Center. The remaining GOP senators might be known for their ability at self-preservation and remaining in office. They are the wait and seers and will follow the political winds.

The future of the GOP is uncertain. It might emerge into a group that will try to contain the progressive whims of the ruling party. A second and more likely alternative is that it will regress into these factions fighting among themselves in an intra-tribal battle that will help our country not one iota!

VERY SAD.

Paul Wisnewski  
Three Rivers

This sounds like forest mismanagement

I was so upset when I went to walk my dogs on a favorite trail in the Herman Covey Wildlife Management Area in Belchertown. They've been logging there extensively for a couple of years, but the logging hadn't extended to the more popular trails until recently. All that I was familiar with is disappearing; trails torn up by logging equipment.

The natural beauty of the area is being destroyed.

I ran into a woman at the parking area on East Street and voiced my dismay. She said she was a biologist and this was forest management. They were logging the woods for species of birds which prefer more open areas. Now I'm not a biologist, but common sense would tell me she's wrong.

Much of the WMA is already open fields and marshland, and there's several large orchards and farms in the area. The woods that many species prefer are disappearing. I've read over and over how the biggest reason for the extinction of so many of our beloved wildlife species is loss of habitat.

We're losing so much of our woods already to development.

It's strange to me how in the last few years it's suddenly so important to create open spaces for bird species as extensive logging goes on in our WMAs, state forests, Army Corp of Engineer properties, and local conservation areas such as the Thayer Woods and 12 Mile Brook in Wilbraham.

I wonder if the growing biomass and wood pellet industries have something to do with this. A biomass plant burns over a ton of wood every minute. Our forests can't keep up with this kind of destruction. It takes 50 years for these trees to grow back. We're told we should plant millions of trees to save this planet from climate collapse. So why are we cutting them in the first place? Trees are vital to our watersheds, our water cycle, to sequester CO2, to keep us cool, and they are homes for countless species of critters.

I've also noticed that the brushy new growth after logging is a haven for ticks – the very critters which are sucking our moose dry and causing their extinction.

This doesn't look like forest management at all; it looks to me like irresponsibility.

I've heard the biologist's argument before and I wonder if it isn't propaganda for a state that's pandering to the voracious appetite of growing industries that use wood for energy. Please contact your state reps to stop the logging on state lands.

Charlotte Burns,  
Palmer

Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [mharrison@turley.com](mailto:mharrison@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

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possible cell tower on Paradise Lake. Brassard said the company interested in building the structure has conducted a preliminary test and is proceeding with a process that would include a public hearing if it goes forward. If it's built, the town will "have rights to put our radio infrastructure on the tower at no cost," Brassard said.

**New Staff Member Welcomed**  
Also during the meeting, a new building department staff member, Heather Wilson, was introduced. Wilson is a 2011 graduate of Monson High School and a U.S. Air Force veteran. She earned a degree in business administration and will be involved in building, zoning, conservation and related town duties.  
Wilson also works in cosmetology at a downtown salon.  
"I might do some of your pedicures or your mother's hair," she quipped.

**Health Agent Retiring**  
Monson will be hiring a new health department agent in 2021 to replace one who is retiring. In addition to hiring a full-time agent, board members discussed the possibility of joining a consortium with other area towns to share the services of a health agent, hiring a part-time agent, and alternatives. Whichever direction the town goes, Brassard said the town should have a replacement in place before the current health agent retires.  
"It might behoove us when we get closer to whatever model we choose, whoever we choose to onboard, to have a little overlap," he said.  
"It might cost us a little more in the budget, but save us some efficiency and headache for residents. We'll probably want to plan for that as well."  
Everyone on the board agreed.

**Other Business**  
Several other town-related items were discussed, including:  
• The town is creating a new landing page on its website where streaming meetings can be broadcast and archived. The page is needed because of Zoom limitations on how many people can participate in a streaming meeting at one time, Brassard said.  
• Town staffers will soon be getting official, golf-style shirts with the town's logo to help identify town employees. The one-time purchase costs \$660, but board members discussed the possibility of making it an on-going budget line because of expected wear and tear.  
• Preliminary budgets are circulating among department heads as the town gets ready to finalize a spending plan for the new fiscal year. Brassard noted that "we're keeping it tight because of a lack of revenue."

He estimated a 35% drop in revenue because of the pandemic-fueled recession that dominated 2020 and because the town lowered its tax rate this past year. While spending may remain flat or even be reduced town-wide, Brassard and board members said they are committed to fully funding public safety and education.  
"We always look to public safety and education as No. 1," board member Edward Harrison said. "I think the approach we got is pretty good."  
He also referred to the COVID-19 relief spending recently approved by Congress.  
"Are we getting any help from the federal government?" Harrison asked.  
He was told the aid package did not include additional financial help for states or smaller municipalities within states.  
"There's nothing coming down the pike," Brassard said.  
• The final item discussed was a \$1,600 expenditure to purchase shoulder-mounted flashlights with a strobe feature for the Monson Police Department. These lights can help officers working nighttime accident scenes and during searches in the dark. It was also mentioned that the new equipment would be considered a "thank you" from the town to its police force.  
"I'm definitely in favor," select board member Dr. Richard Smith said. "It's the least we can do for them for everything they do for us."  
The rest of the board agreed.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Do politicians take Social Security money for other programs?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: It is common knowledge that over the decades politicians have taken billions if not trillions of dollars out of the Social Security fund to finance other government programs. This information is never published or addressed and having the government repay this money back to Social Security is never discussed, as it seems to be the most logical solution. When the Social Security program is financially viable again, future changes to the program can be discussed in a more meaningful way. Signed: Informed Senior

Dear Informed: I'm afraid that what you refer to as "common knowledge" is actually a common myth, pervasive on social media but nevertheless not accurate. Here at the AMAC Foundation we have thoroughly researched this charge, and reality is that every dollar ever contributed to Social Security since the program's beginning has

been used only to pay benefits to beneficiaries, or to pay for the cost of running the Social Security Administration (administrative costs are about 1%). Any surplus revenue exceeding program cost was deposited into the Social Security Trust Fund as "special issue government bonds" which pay interest (at 2.2% for 2019). As of the end of 2019, there were nearly \$2.9 trillion in assets held in Social Security's Trust Funds, and none of those assets have ever been used for any purpose other than Social Security.

Some of the myths you may have heard include:

- That President Kennedy used Social Security funds to pay for the Peace Corp
- That President Reagan used Social Security funds to pay for his Strategic Defense Initiative
- That President Johnson used Social Security funds to pay for the war in Vietnam

None of these are true, but the one which gains the most visibility is the last one. And

that comes from an accounting gimmick that President Johnson used back in the 1960s to make the federal debt look less than it was. When Johnson realized the federal balance sheet didn't reflect assets held in the Social Security Trust Funds, he arranged for that balance sheet to reflect Social Security reserves as a federal asset, which masked the size of federal debt. But no Social Security money was ever taken out of the Trust Funds and, indeed, this accounting "gimmick" was reversed in the 1980s so that Social Security's reserves no longer partially offset the federal debt in the government's financial reporting.

I know how pervasive these allegations are, and I also know that some Americans will never be convinced that politicians have not accessed, and cannot access, Social Security's money. But by law, Social Security's assets can be used only for Social Security, and nothing else.

Some say that the assets in the Trust Funds are merely IOUs and that the actual mon-

ey has been used by politicians. The Trust Funds assets are interest-bearing investment instruments which can be redeemed on demand by the Social Security Administration, as needed to pay Social Security program costs. Those "special issue government bonds" are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the United States government which, in investment circles, is viewed as primarily risk-free. If they are "IOUs," it is in the same sense that the assets in a stock and bond portfolio are IOUs.

Social Security's current financial issue stems from steadily increasing life expectancies and the declining ratio of workers to beneficiaries. People are now collecting Social Security benefits for decades instead of a few years, and the number of beneficiaries is steadily increasing (about 64 million today). Simultaneously, there are now only 2.8 workers per Social Security beneficiary compared to, for example, 1960 when there were 5.1 workers for every

beneficiary. Both these realities have resulted in the need to withdraw assets from the Trust Funds to fully pay benefit obligations. And, according to the Social Security Trustees, those Trust Fund reserves will be depleted in the early 2030s, resulting in an across the board cut in benefits – unless Congress acts soon to restore Social Security to financial solvency.

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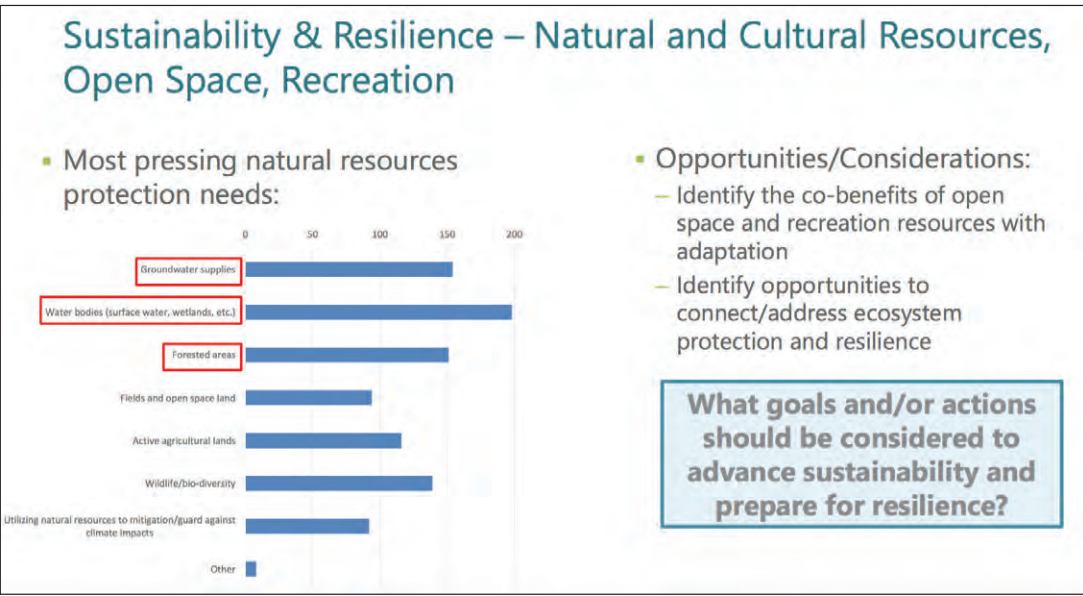
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gestions that the town should consider addressing infrastructure and protecting natural resources as well as examining social issues. Public health was discussed and there was discussion about helping residents who suffer due to isolation, proper housing and the resources to meet a list of basic needs.

**Infrastructure Needs**  
Forum attendee Peter Blake was the first speaker to offer input and said a lot of bridges in town are "in sad condition" and wondered why public works projects seem to take a long time.  
"Those need to be corrected, but they seem to take forever to get done," Blake said.  
"My consideration on it is if you've gone into Westfield and seen the boat whistle bridges, they're gorgeous pieces of work and one of the benefits to the boat whistle bridge is

the entire sustaining structure of the bridge is above the gap, so if you do have a flood, it has much less tendency to take the bridge out."  
Resident John Cipora gave his input during the discussion and advocated making the transportation in Palmer more sustainable by enhancing broadband capability.  
"If we were to be a hub that had really effective internet service, that would be a draw for folks to be here, especially anybody who is now working exclusively or almost exclusively from home," Cipora said.  
"It impacts transportation indirectly but, nonetheless, significantly."

**Want To Go?**  
The seventh – and final – installment of the Masterplan forums will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 28. The topic is "Natural Resources, Open Space and Recreation." Referencing the town's certified



Screenshot photos of the chart showing that water bodies, forested areas and groundwater supplies are considered the most pressing natural resource protection needs in Palmer.

Open Space and Recreation Plan from 2015, this element will expand on that plan's contents to address needs in consideration of projected population trends. An important aspect

of this element will be weighing the trade-offs between various land uses and competing demands.  
If you have any questions or concerns, contact Town Plan-

ner Linda Leduc at [lleduc@townofpalmer.com](mailto:lleduc@townofpalmer.com) or 413-283-2605.  
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Youth Engagement Coordinator

Quaboag Hills Prevention Partnership & Town of Ware

**Overall Duties:**

The Youth Engagement Coordinator will strategically identify, recruit, and engage with individuals and organizations serving youth and young adults to bring a 'youth voice' and participation into planning processes and activities that deliver proven prevention strategies to reduce youth substance use in the Quaboag Hills region. The Youth Engagement Coordinator will continually help build the capacity of and sustain the Partnership's work with youth on underage drinking, nicotine and marijuana use, insuring that programs and activities are youth-driven and youth-led. Will work with Prevention Partnership team to ensure that required reports and data collection are completed.

**Qualifications:**

B.A. or B.S in Public Health or related field preferred. Prior experience in health-related outreach/communications with youth and young adults, community organizing and health planning. Understands unique needs of and works effectively with youth/ young

adults. Excellent writing skills, including promotional/outreach materials; knowledge of the workings of municipal government; strong computer skills including knowledge of social media tools that reach youth. Must demonstrate: sensitivity to, and awareness of cultural, racial, ethnic, economic, and social diversity including LGBTQ; awareness of community strengths and rural culture; ability to interact with a variety of stakeholders; ability to work independently and as part of a team; ability to maintain objectivity, fairness in dealing with people.




**Salary & Hours:**

Position is a Town of Ware employee and funded by a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); position 28 hours per week with potential for the job to become full-time in the future. Hours are primarily 9-5 Monday through Friday; some evening/weekend meetings and events.

To apply for the position, E-mail a Cover Letter and Resume to:

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# Is it safe for pregnant women to get the coronavirus vaccine?

SPRINGFIELD – Is it safe for pregnant women to get the coronavirus vaccine?

That's a question that two Baystate Medical Center doctors contemplated together recently - one a primary care physician at Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center, who is also board certified in infectious diseases, and the other an OB/GYN.

Dr. Amanda Westlake learned in September that she was expecting her third child. As an infectious disease specialist, when she visited with her OB/GYN, Dr. Katie Barker of Baystate Wesson Women's Group, she was already familiar with much of the emerging literature on pregnancy and COVID-19. It is concisely stated on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website that:

"Based on what we know at this time, pregnant people are at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 compared to non-pregnant people. Additionally, pregnant people with COVID-19 might be at increased risk for other adverse outcomes, such as preterm birth."

But when the two doctors came together to discuss whether Dr. Westlake should get the coronavirus vaccine, the answer wasn't that simple - there is no scientific study on whether or not the vaccine is safe for pregnant women.

"Pfizer did not include pregnant women in its clinical trials to establish the safety and efficacy of their vaccine (it is common in clinical trials to exclude pregnant women). That was unfortunate because our professional organization, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has long advocated for women to be involved in vaccine trials," said Dr. Barker.

"As a result, we do not have specific data on which to make a decision about pregnant women receiving the vaccine. However, we have no reason now to suspect that it would work differently or be harmful to pregnant women, which is something I tell my

patients every day," she added.

And, when studies are completed on the vaccine's effects on pregnant women now being inoculated against the virus, Dr. Barker said she would be surprised if they discover anything unexpected.

Recognizing that pregnant women everywhere would need guidance, the Shared Decision-Making: COVID Vaccination in Pregnancy working group at the University of Massachusetts Medical School - Baystate was created under the leadership of Dr. Elizabeth Schoenfeld, an Emergency Medicine physician at Baystate.

Dr. Schoenfeld, a shared decision-making researcher in the hospital's Institute for Healthcare Delivery and Population Science, has experience making decision aids to help patients make decisions together with their doctors. Because of the lack of evidence to guide recommendations for pregnant women, a shared decision aid was needed to help women understand the risks and benefits and the unknowns.

"Shared decision making helps patients understand their choices and come to an informed decision with their doctors about their care. It is a way for patients to have their voices heard when deciding what the next step in their medical care will be. And a decision aid is a tool to help facilitate a discussion between a doctor and patient such as, 'Should I get the coronavirus vaccine,'" said Dr. Schoenfeld.

The clinical researcher noted that "in general the vaccine is highly recommended and safe" and although there was no hard data available on pregnancy and the vaccine, it wasn't as if "there was no evidence at all about the vaccine to share in an aid."

"Certainly, for many pregnant women the pros outweigh the cons," said Dr. Schoenfeld, who noted that when putting together the decision aid it was important

to involve multiple stakeholders, such as maternal-fetal medicine experts, COVID experts and pregnant health-care workers.

The result is a 6-page decision aid on the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines that starts with the basics: "I'm pregnant. Should I get a COVID vaccine?" It discusses a woman's options, the benefits and risks of getting an mRNA COVID vaccine, and other information to help pregnant women make an informed decision. There are also additional details about breastfeeding, noting the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) and the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM) report that there is no reason to believe that the vaccine affects the safety of breastmilk.

Since completing the aid, it has been shared via Twitter and with various national professional networks such as maternal fetal medicine doctors, obstetricians, emergency medicine doctors, and medical informatics leaders. Based on feedback from those who have received the aid, it is being used at Boston Medical Center, Kaiser Southern California, Mass General Hospital, and in multiple other practices including Texas, and all around the country.

"We have received so much positive feedback. In fact, one woman from Costa Rica asked if we had a Spanish version of the document. We were able to quickly create Spanish and Russian versions and have made them available as well," said Dr. Schoenfeld.

To view the latest version of the decision guide, visit: <https://www.baystatehealth.org/covid19/vaccine/pregnancy>

For more information about Baystate Health, people may visit [baystatehealth.org](http://baystatehealth.org).

# Red Kettle donations down 50%

CANTON – The Salvation Army's iconic Christmas Red Kettle Campaign, now in its 130th year, is struggling to meet its fundraising targets this year as communities nationwide continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. With just a few days remaining in this year's campaign, donations to The Salvation Army's Red Kettles are currently down by more than 50% statewide compared to last year. Since launching in mid-September, two months earlier than usual in anticipation of increased needs, the Massachusetts' Division's Rescue Christmas Red Kettle Campaign has raised less than half of this year's goal of \$2.5 million.

The Salvation Army is facing a perfect storm this year as it contends with a massive spike in demand for services coupled with a precipitous decline in donations at Red Kettles. Based on the increased service already provided this year due to the pandemic, it is expected they will serve over 150% more people this holiday season. COVID-19 has not only created a much bigger demand for The Salvation Army to meet but has also decreased the number of traditional Red Kettles on street corners and at store entrances. Nationwide, The Salvation Army anticipates as much as a 50% decrease in funds raised through its Rescue Christmas Red Kettles Campaign this year

owing to consumers carrying less cash, the closure of many brick-and-mortar retail stores where kettles would traditionally stand, more online shopping, which means less foot traffic in shopping areas and increased unemployment and debt.

"This has been a difficult year for so many, now more than ever we are asking our communities to do whatever they can to help those in need," said Major Marcus Jugenheimer, General Secretary of The Massachusetts Salvation Army. "We are doing everything we can to ensure every family has a meal and presents under the tree for kids this year. This year has brought unprecedented challenges for all of us, for those who can help ease the burden for others, we are asking you to do so. We thank those who have already donated and helped us make a difference."

Since March, The Salvation Army has served more than 14 million meals to neighbors in need across the Commonwealth, serving every community and anyone who asks for help.

In response to the pandemic, The Salvation Army has made it easier and safer than ever to support its work this year. People can donate in several contactless ways, including visiting [www.RescueChristmas.org](http://www.RescueChristmas.org).

Sign up to give a sustaining monthly gift of \$25 to help The Salvation Army year-round.

A \$25 monthly donation over one year provides: 240 meals to those most vulnerable, 11 nights of shelter for those living on the streets and 12 years of Christmas presents for one child.

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Use Amazon Alexa by saying, "Alexa, donate to The Salvation Army," then specifying the amount.

Give any amount by texting "RESCUECHRISTMAS" to 41444.

Encourage friends and family to give virtually through options like peer-to-peer fundraising at [salvationarmyma.org/rescuechristmas](http://salvationarmyma.org/rescuechristmas).

Send a check to your local Salvation Army Corps or their headquarters at 25 Shawmut Rd, Canton, MA 02021.

Operating locally for more than 135 years, The Salvation Army has relied upon its iconic Red Kettle campaign since the 1890s. Donations to the kettles allow The Salvation Army to provide life-changing social services and other programs throughout the year. The Salvation Army provides a wide array of social services, including Emergency Assistance, After-School Programs, Emergency Disaster Services, Senior Services, homelessness services and Christmas Assistance.

## Skyfields Arboretum to host winter tracking

ATHOL – On Saturday, Jan. 16 Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust is offering a wildlife tracking workshop at Skyfields Arboretum with tracking expert Paul Wanta. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, at the trust's headquarters located at 1461 Old Keene Road. The group will explore the trails of the open meadows and the woods and wetlands of the Lawton State Forest while looking for signs of wildlife. The workshop teaches basic skills on how to spot, identify, and interpret different tracks found during the winter season. Marielena Lima, Communications and

Engagement Coordinator says, "This is a great opportunity to learn a skill that most are not familiar with anymore and discover what animals call these woods home". The tracking workshop has been put on by the trust for numerous winters. Last year, attendees were able to spot and follow signs of rabbits, deer, wild turkeys, and porcupine. This event is open to the public, free to Mount Grace members, and \$10 for non-members. Registration is required and can be done at [mountgrace.org](http://mountgrace.org). Please register in advance as this workshop is limited to 15 attendees.

## Proposed changes to help prevent wildfire and protect power grid

The USDA Forest Service seeks public input on two proposed directives that would address safety and reliability for powerline operations on national forests and grasslands. The proposed directives would implement provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill and amendments made in 2018 to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The proposed directives also align with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue's direction to make national forests and grasslands healthier and more productive.

The proposed changes would provide consistent direction for Forest Service staff when coordinating with utilities in managing vegetation, including removing dead and dying trees that pose a fire risk to powerline structures. These policy initiatives include new procedures for streamlining reviews and approvals for vegetation management and maintenance for powerlines.

"Our nation's forests and grasslands provide an important link in delivering electricity to 70 million American homes and businesses," said Forest Service Deputy Chief Chris French. "The proposed directives would not only help us improve the reliability of America's electrical grid, but also would help reduce wildfire risk in powerline corridors and the cost of delivering electricity to millions of homes."

The 30-day public comment period for the proposed directives, detailed below, ends on Jan. 11, 2021.

### Operating Plans and Agreements for Powerline Facilities

This proposed directive would add Chapter 80 to Forest Service Handbook 2709.11 to provide guidance on vegetation management, routine maintenance, and inspection of powerlines within and adjacent to their authorized rights-of-way on national forests and grasslands. These activities include removing trees that pose a hazard inside and outside powerline rights-of-way. The proposed directive would provide guidance to Forest Service staff when working with electric utilities to develop comprehensive operating plans or agreements that cover system reliability and fire mitigation activities while minimizing impacts on natural resources. The proposed directive would implement section 512 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Forest Service's recently issued regulations implementing section 512. More information on the proposed directive and how to submit comments may be found here.

### Vegetation Management Pilot Projects

The proposed directive would add Chapter 2740 to the Forest Service Manual to provide direction to agency staff on issuing special use authorizations for natural gas or electric utilities to conduct vegetation management pilot projects. The pilot projects would involve vegetation management outside the utilities' rights-of-way, but not the removal of hazard trees associated with powerlines. The proposed directive would implement section 8630 of the 2018 Farm Bill. More information on the proposed directive and how to submit comments may be found here.

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## HIGH SCHOOL

# Football committee mulls tourney options

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REGION – While the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is just hoping to have a regular football season much like the fall and winter modified seasons, the Tournament Management Committee and Football Committee of the MIAA is thinking about life after the pandemic.

The pandemic took away the traditional 2020 fall season and football is supposed to take place during a Fall 2 or “bubble” season, which begins in late February.

However, assumingly, in the fall of 2021, when high schools are seemingly going to be able to play under normal conditions and with a normal schedule that includes tournaments, a new football tournament will be forthcoming.

It seems like long time ago that the member schools of the MIAA voted in favor of dropping the sectional tournaments in favor of one statewide tournament, that in the case of many sports, will include a 32-team bracket with the opportunity to play in if a team finishes with a .500 record.

But in football, a .500 record does not guarantee entrée into the tournament. That has always been the case as Western Massachusetts football teams had a ranking system that put the top four teams in each division in the playoffs. Football also had more than the four divisions many other sports like soccer and basketball have.

The Football Committee of the MIAA began meeting recently about the issue. One plan was presented by the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association.

The plan would have a 10-game, but 12-week regular season concluding on Thanksgiving. In recent years, the regular season was ended after eight games, with qualifying teams playing playoff games in weeks 9 and 10, the state semifinals between Week 10 and Thanksgiving, and Thanksgiving Day's game a simple exhibition. In a lot of cases, teams qualifying for state final games would not play regulars on Thanksgiving to guarantee health in the state finals.

The coaches' association proposal would restore Thanksgiving as a regular season game. The as-



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Options for a new football playoff format, which will feature a statewide tournament beginning in the fall, are being considered.

sociation also submitted a plan for a nine-game schedule with playoffs starting before Thanksgiving and finishing after as it is currently constituted.

A group of Eastern Mass. coaches and athletic directors have also developed seven and eight-game proposals that would entail having 16 teams qualifying for a state tournament in each division under the seven game, and eight teams per division in the eight-game season. Under both proposals the state finals would actually take place before Thanksgiving, and teams would again play Thanksgiving games as exhibitions.

With all the proposals out, the Football Committee has developed a survey to be sent to principals and athletic directors for feedback. A decision on the playoff format will hopefully be made sometime in the

spring in time for scheduling to take place.

As of press time, the MIAA has not made any decision about any type of playoffs for the modified football season taking place in February. There will be no playoffs for the winter season, and the fall season also did not have any tournaments.

Arguments against extending the football season further into December specifically include making winter athletes wait too long between seasons to start basketball, hockey, and wrestling.



Could rival matchups on Thanksgiving be in danger depending on what direction the MIAA goes in for playoffs.

## HIGH SCHOOL

# Winter sports scheduled to begin next week

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REGION – Winter sports are scheduled to get underway next week, with practices beginning on Jan. 11.

Practices were originally scheduled to start on Jan. 4, but the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference made the decision to move back a week, though at this point, it is very unclear how many schools will be participating in the winter season and whether or not those teams will have to further modify schedules.

While the PVIAC wanted to give Western Mass. schools time during the month of December to secure permission to play sports through school committees, health departments, and other public officials, some of those permissions were contingent on the various criteria surrounding current coronavirus cases.

In the case of Holyoke, the city needed to be out of the “red” and no longer labeled a high-risk community by Dec. 24, and remain out of the red for three weeks in order to begin practices on Jan. 11. However, that has not happened.

Additionally, schools like

West Springfield and Belchertown are among those that will not play communities that are red, further complicating the scheduling.

As of the Dec. 31 Department of Public Health report, most town and cities in Western Massachusetts in Hampden and Hampshire County are in the red and considered high-risk as the second surge continues, especially with rising numbers following the holiday season.

Some schools also have agreements with teachers' unions regarding how schools will proceed in the event a community goes into the red. In many cases, a high school's coaching staff is included in the union negotiations.

In one bubble, Agawam, Westfield, and West Springfield all have permission to play, but Hampshire, Holyoke, and Northampton are question marks.

There are also further modifications for the ice hockey schedule as fewer schools have hockey programs in Western Massachusetts. One thing you will not see in the modified winter season is a team like Agawam or Minnechaug making its way to the other side of the state to play other teams in Central and Eastern Mass. Bubble

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## BASEBALL

# New umpires needed for 2021 season

REGION – The Western Massachusetts Baseball Umpire Association is looking for individuals who are interested in umpiring baseball at the high school and youth level. The WMBUA services high school baseball and various other leagues in the Greater Springfield area/ Hampden County.

The WMBUA's first year members class will be held for roughly five to six weeks, beginning in February. The class dates right now are fluid as the organization monitors what happens

with the COVID-19 pandemic. Class is usually one or two nights per week from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The class takes place in the First Baptist Church of East Longmeadow's classrooms at 50 Parker Street. Classes may also be virtual if COVID-19 does not allow for in-person meetings.

If you are interested in taking the classes, contact Chris Meffen, the WMBUA Secretary, via email at cmeffen8017@gmail.com or visit the WMBUA website at <http://wmbua.org>.

## ICE HOCKEY

# Region dealt major blow as T-Birds cancel season

SPRINGFIELD – This week, the Springfield Thunderbirds announced that they are one of three AHL franchises that have elected to opt out of play for the upcoming 2020-2021 season. The decision, made in conjunction with their NHL Affiliate, the St. Louis Blues, was based on numerous safety and logistical concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will allow the organization to turn its full focus towards the 2021-22 season. The Thunderbirds will maintain their status as active members of the AHL and return to play next season.

Thunderbirds President, Nathan Costa offered the following statement about the decision:

“Over the past few months we have worked tirelessly with the St. Louis Blues to explore every possible avenue for returning to play this season. Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns, travel logistics, new player supply rules, and other considerations the Blues and Thunderbirds collectively determined that it was in the best interests of all parties to opt out for this season. Given the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic in Massachusetts, it has also become clear that we will be unable to host fans at our games in the foreseeable future. As an independently-owned franchise, our foremost obligation is to ensure that our team is financially viable for the long term, something

that is not possible without gameday revenue. Our organization has built one of the most exciting stories in all of professional hockey and remains as committed as ever to building upon that success in Springfield. We continue to have a strong relationship with the St. Louis Blues, the City of Springfield, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, and all those who have both been helpful and supportive during this time. We have already turned our attention to next season and are actively working with the Blues, our season ticket holders, and corporate partners to ensure that 2021-2022 is our strongest season yet.”

A statement released by St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations/General Manager Doug Armstrong said, “professional sports have been impacted by the inability to open arenas and facilities to their fans. That is particularly true at the minor professional level where fan attendance is the lifeblood of business operations. We were truly excited to come to Springfield this season and are disappointed that COVID-19 has prevented this from happening. We look forward to working with the Thunderbirds in the 2021-22 season and beyond.”

For more information or to become a 2021-2022 Springfield Thunderbirds ticket member, call (413) 739-GOAL (4625) or visit [www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com](http://www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com).

## AUTO RACING

# Thompson to hold virtual race series

THOMPSON, Conn. -- Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park will come to virtual life three times during the winter months, as a new iRacing series will give drivers and fans a chance to prepare for the 2021 season. In a series promoted by Souza Media, full-time Modified, Late Model & Super Late Model drivers from across New England will compete in three different races -- including the virtual historic Thompson 300 -- with one-race in January, another in February and a final in March.

The series will help preview the real-life season at Thompson for 2021 -- which is slated to begin with the annual Icebreaker weekend from April 9-11, and hold six oval events, promoted by the American Canadian Tour and Pro All Star Series. All three iRacing events will take place on Saturday, Jan. 23, Feb. 20 and March 20 -- and will all begin with the drop of the green flag at 2 p.m. The feature races will air live, in full, on Extreme Sim TV, via Facebook and YouTube. Qualifying heat races, consolation races and a B-Main will be conducted prior to the broadcast start.

The three iRacing events will include an opener with iRacing's SK Modified, previewing the Sunoco Modified season at Thompson, on January 23, for a 100-lap event. The second will put some of New England's best Late Model stars together in ACT-style Late

Models for their own 100-lapper on February 20. The final will help promote and preview the return of the historic Thompson 300, as Tour-Type Modifieds are used for a virtual 300-lapper on March 20. In real-life, officials are bringing back the Thompson 300 as part of the Sunoco World Series of Racing at Thompson in October of 2021.

“This iRacing series will give drivers and fans of Thompson Speedway a chance to come together during the cold winter months for some virtual racing,” Kyle Souza, owner of Souza Media, said. “We’re looking forward to watching the Thompson 300 in real-life, but we think this virtual experience will showcase some of what it will take to win the real-life event and get fans energized for the October 2021 race.”

A maximum of 29 drivers will start each race, in order to keep the car count reasonable on a tight, banked track, and produce green flag racing. Out of the 29 competitors, 28 drivers will qualify through the heats, consi's and B-Main sessions, while one provisional is available for a most recent Thompson track champion or Modified, Late Model or Super Late Model champion, if needed. If no champions fail to qualify, the provisional may be used for a promoters option. Qualifying will begin at 10 a.m. on each of the race days, while there will also be multiple practice sessions prior to race



**Virtual Thompson iRacing Series**

Three races previewing 2021

- January 23 - SK Modified 100
- February 20 - Late Model 100
- March 20 - Virtual Thompson 300

\*Must be full-time current or past driver in Modifieds, Super Late Models or Late Models\*

Register: <http://www.kylesouza.com/thompson-iracing-series>

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A virtual racing series is set to take place later this month.

day.

In order to be eligible for the events, drivers must fit one of the requirements put in place by officials. Race officials have the final determination on eligibility and may elect to refund participants who register but don't fit qualifications. For all three events, drivers must be:

A current or past full-time weekly competitor in Late Models, Super Late Models or Modifieds

A current or past touring series competitor in Late Models,

Super Late Models or Modifieds

Immediate crew member of one of the above drivers -- defined as either a car owner, crew chief or spotter.

\*If all spots are not filled for the event five days prior to event start, fans of Thompson Speedway, Modifieds, Super Late Models or Late Models will be able to register to fill the spots\*

The first 60 entered drivers will be registered for the event. Anyone who registers past that 60 number

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## HCC hires Amy Brandt as dean of Health Sciences and Culinary Arts

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College is proud to welcome Amy Brandt as its new dean of Health Sciences and Culinary Arts.

Brandt, who currently resides in Greene, N.Y., most recently worked as the associate vice president and dean of Health Sciences at Broome Community College in Binghamton, N.Y., which is part of the State University of New York system.

At SUNY Broome, she focused on developing partnerships with local area hospitals to address healthcare worker shortages and advocated for enhanced use of simulation to improve clinical education and position programs to remain current

with emerging national trends in healthcare education.

At HCC, she will oversee seven academic programs: Foundations of Health; Medical Assisting; Medical Billing and Coding; Nursing (associate of science and practical); Radiologic Technology; Veterinary and Animal Science; and Culinary Arts.

She started her new job at HCC on Monday, Jan. 4.

Brandt holds a master's degree in social work from California State University, Sacramento, and a PhD in social work from the University



Amy Brandt

of California Los Angeles

After earning her PhD, she began working in education, initially at University of California Berkeley in the School of Social Welfare, where she focused on program administration and teaching introductory social work courses.

In 2007, she transitioned to the community college setting in California, focusing on allied health education and has worked on allied health program development in California, Florida, Texas and New York.

Brandt has extensive experi-

ence working with state regulatory agencies, as well as with developing self-studies for programmatic accreditation. She has served as a site visitor for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, reviewing institutions for compliance with general education and educational effectiveness standards.

She has collaborated with multiple programs on developing assessment plans to assess educational quality and delivery and has co-lead a variety of different campus committees related to program review, general education, professional development, COVID-19 re-opening and student retention and equity initiatives.

## Elms College announces plan for spring 2021 semester

CHICOPEE — As its successful conclusion of its on-campus plan for the fall semester, College of Our Lady of the Elms announced that the spring 2021 semester will continue to follow the hybrid ElmsFlex model.

Due to the campus community's successful efforts under the ElmsSafe health and safety protocols, the college was able to complete the in-person portion of the fall semester as planned with students on campus until the Thanksgiving break. The remainder of the fall semester will be taught remotely.

"I continue to be inspired by and grateful for the way our students, faculty, and staff have come together to protect each other both

the spring 2021 semester."

Spring classes, which will start on Jan. 26, 2021 and end on May 7, will continue to be taught in the hybrid ElmsFlex model, which gives students the option of attending sessions in the classroom, synchronously online, or a combination of both. Under the ElmsFlex model, students can move between the options based on their personal preferences and individual circumstances in order to continue their coursework.

Residence halls will be open with single-room assignments and students will receive designated days in January to return to or move into, their on-campus rooms.

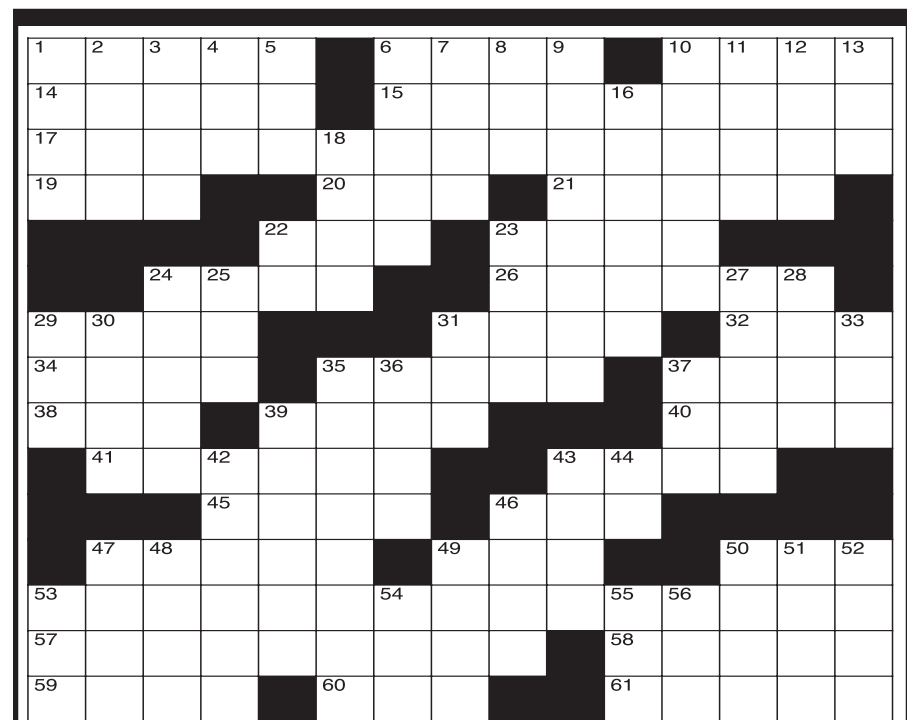
COVID-19 testing will be required for all students, faculty and staff prior to being allowed back on campus in January. Also, throughout the semester, all students, faculty, staff and visitors coming to campus will be required to complete a daily online health survey.

Elms College continues to closely monitor and follow guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and CDC, as well as Gov. Charlie Baker's mandates.

Out of an abundance of caution, classes will be held on Presidents' Day, Feb. 15 and there will be no spring break. Additionally, all domestic and international travel involving study abroad, mission or service trips has been cancelled.

The college is awaiting determinations by the New England Collegiate Conference and the NCAA as to whether competitive sports will be held in the spring.

For more information on Elms College's spring 2021 plan, people may visit [www.elms.edu/elms-safe](http://www.elms.edu/elms-safe).



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Partner to "oohed"
6. Relaxing places
10. Humorous monologue
14. Simple elegance
15. Bearable
17. Disobedience
19. Express delight
20. Gov't attorneys
21. Wake up
22. A type of band
23. Remain as is
24. Turfs
26. Battle-ax
29. Volcanic crater
31. The mother of Jesus
32. One's life history
34. "Rule, Britannia" composer
35. Doubles
37. Jacob \_\_, American journalist
38. House pet
39. S. African river
40. Broad sashes

41. Establish as a foundation
43. KGB double agent
45. Part of a book
46. Taxi
47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
49. Train group (abbr.)
50. Frames per second
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal from a federation
58. Guitarist sounds
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Helps escape

### CLUES DOWN

1. Currency exchange charge
2. River in Tuscany
3. Breakfast dish
4. Defunct European currency

5. Upper class young woman
6. Part of a purse
7. Self-contained units
8. Boxing's GOAT
9. Legislators
10. Flightless birds
11. U. of Miami's mascot is one
12. Floating ice
13. Low, marshy land
16. Seldom
18. Lyric poems
22. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
23. Full extent of something
24. \_\_ Claus
25. Naturally occurring solid material
27. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
28. Thirteen
29. Partner to cheese

30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One thousandth of an inch
33. Former CIA
35. Most lemony
36. Engage in
37. Small Eurasian deer
39. Provisions
42. All humans have them
43. Swiss river
44. Storage term (abbr.)
46. Famed Broadway lyricist Sammy
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Egyptian sun god
50. Flute
51. Flew off!
52. Scottish tax
53. Young women's association
54. Populous Brazilian city
55. Malaysian Isthmus
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LUDLOW — Western United Pioneers FC is excited to offer a soccer clinic in Pelham, MA for players in the Massachusetts North Region. The fall clinic provides off-season training and skill development by WUP FC coaches. There are two sessions available. sign up for one or both. It makes a great holiday gift for friends and family members.

This program is offered to boys and girls born in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The four-week program includes one practice per week for a total of \$65 per session (\$130 for 2 sessions). Sessions will consist of a max of 15 players per field (COVID regulation for the players' safety).

### SESSION 1: MONDAYS 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, & 2/8

Boys and Girls Born 2013 and 2014: Session is at 5 p.m.

Boys and Girls Born 2010, 2011, and 2012: Session is at 6 p.m.

### SESSION 2: MONDAYS 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, & 3/15

Boys and Girls Born 2013 and 2014: Session is at 5 p.m.

Boys and Girls Born 2010, 2011, and 2012: Session is at 6 p.m.

The sessions will be held at Pelham Elementary School at 45 Amherst Road, Pelham, MA 01002.

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play is limited to teams in the region. One bubble will feature all of the teams in the Berry Division, Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Minnechaug, Westfield, and West Springfield, with Amherst added into the league this year. Amherst has been one of the top Division 3A teams in recent years.

Teams that are allowed to begin playing actual games could do so in about two weeks.

Basketball, swimming, and ice hockey were the sports approved to take place this winter. The season normally starts in mid-December.

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will be placed on a waitlist. Registration fees are \$15 per event, or \$45 for the entire series. Registration can be completed at [kylesouza.com/thompson-iracing-series](http://kylesouza.com/thompson-iracing-series). In order for a registration to be counted as one of 60, payment must be received. Drivers who complete registration will be invited to the league on iRacing directly to confirm their registration has been received.

A payout is guaranteed for the top-five at the end of each race, with a minimum of \$50 to win the feature. The virtual Thompson 300 will pay at least \$125 to win. Sponsorship opportunities for the series are available by emailing [kylesouzamedia@gmail.com](mailto:kylesouzamedia@gmail.com). Sponsorships will include full race deals and contingency awards.

### Virtual Thompson Series schedule:

January 23 -- SK Modified -- 100 laps  
February 20 -- Late Models -- 100 laps  
March 20 -- Tour-Type Modified -- 300 laps

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Faye E. Barnes, 85**  
Died: Dec. 26, 2020

**Sophie M. Bigda, 95**  
Died: Dec. 25, 2020  
Services are private

**Sophie Rose (Swistak) Bukowski**  
Died: Jan. 1, 2021  
Graveside Service:  
10 a.m. Jan. 8 at  
St. Peter and Paul Cemetery  
in Bondsville

**Keith Corsi, 64**  
Died: Dec. 17, 2020  
Services: To be announced

**Thomas W. Haley, 97**  
Died: Dec. 23, 2020  
Burial: Private

**Darryl L. Pobieglo, 53**  
Died: Dec. 26, 2020  
Services were held Jan. 4 at  
Devine Mercy Parish

**The Rev. William W. Webb Sr., 84**  
Died: Jan. 1, 2021  
Virtual service: 7 p.m. on  
Jan. 7

## O B I T U A R I E S

*Faye E. Barnes, 1935-2020*

MONSON — Faye E. (Plumley) Barnes, 85, passed away Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, surrounded by love of family in her home.

Faye was born in Monson March 13, 1935, to the late Ray and Clara (Boomhower) Plumley. She was a 1953 graduate of Monson High School, a 1954 Commercial Artist Post Graduate of Springfield Trade School, and was a member of the First Church of Monson, Congregational. For a period of time Faye worked at A.D. Ellis Mills, MassMutual and drove school bus for Palmer Motor Coach. She worked many hours farming and tending to animals on the family farm.

Faye was very active, played softball, bowled, was a member of the White Pine Ski Club, and the Wood Wackers Carving Club, where she carved ornaments for her grandchildren. Her greatest joy was family. She loved family gatherings, games and outdoor activities. Faye took family and friends

on hiking, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, biking and camping adventures. She lived life full of kindness, humor, pranks and stories. She had a great love for animals; And, everything was always 'fine.'

Her door was always open with baked goods inside, coffee, milk, dog treats and a willingness to share her time, lend you a hand and she had an intuition to know when one was troubled. Faye looked forward to her summer escapes with family to Matunuck Beach, R.I., combing the beach for treasures, enjoying the porch, Peppermint Patty ice cream, playing UNO and corn hole her way—never losing.

Faye leaves her husband of 64 years, Robert T.B. Barnes, and their children: son, Guy Barnes and his wife Kellie and daughter, Dale Barnes-Johnson all of Monson; brother Phillip Plumley of Monson;



sisters Shirley Wilks of Enfield, Diane Putek and husband Glen of Monson; four grandchildren, Angela Johnson, Cameron Johnson, Nathan Barnes, Allison Barnes. Faye was predeceased by her brothers, Richard

Plumley and Lawrence Plumley, and sister, Harriet Bressette.

Faye was able to fulfill her wish and become an anatomical gift to UMass Medical School. Funeral services are private and will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Faye's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-1942 or American Macular Degeneration P.O. Box 515 Northampton, MA 01061-0515 or macular.org. For online condolences visit lombardfuneral-home.com.

*Sophie M. Bigda, 1925-2020*

Sophie M. Bigda, 95, passed away peacefully on Dec. 25, 2020, Christmas Day.

Born in Palmer, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Apolonia (Kos) Bigda. She was a communicant of Divine Mercy Parish.

Sophie worked for over 50 years at Thorndike Mills & Braided Rug. She loved to sit on her porch, watching all the neighborhood events, go shop-

ping, and also go to Bingo with her friends, Alice and Rose.

Sophie is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, of whom she was extremely fond, especially Mary Paula Warchol, Geralyn Tatangelo, and Pauleen Duzniowski; and her godson and nephew, John Bigda.

A special thank you to her Guardian Angels, who watched over her daily, MaryAnn Wostena, Donna Mead, and Rose Ty-

burski. Their love and care allowed Sophie to live in her home that she so loved.

A private church service and burial was held Dec. 30, 2020, due to the COVID-19 virus.

Donations may be made in Sophie's name to a charity of one's choice.

Motyka Funeral Home, 2186 Main Street, Three Rivers, was in charge of arrangements.

*Sophie Rose (Swistak) Bukowski*

PALMER — Sophie Rose (Swistak) Bukowski passed away Jan. 1, 2021.

Sophie worked as a caregiver for her entire life, spending many years working in a hospital, nursing home and also taking care of patients as a visiting nurse's aide. She enjoyed scratch tickets and playing the daily lottery. She also loved Polka music and authentic Polish food.

Sophie was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Robert Bukowski, in 2018. She leaves her beloved son, Paul Bukowski and his wife Brenda; sister-in-law, Beverly Krzynowek and her husband Franco; as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be



held 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Bondsville. Please meet directly at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Sophie's memory can be made to the MSPCA. Visit beersandstory.com for more information.

*Keith Corsi, 64*

Keith Corsi passed away at the age of 64 on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020. He was born on Dec. 17, 1955, in Springfield and was a graduate of Palmer High School and Springfield Technical College. Keith proudly served his country, enlisting in the U.S. Navy right out of high school, and served on the USS Forrestal. He was also a proud member of the U.S. Air Force. Keith was

able to fulfill his lifelong dream of working for NASA. He ended his 25-year government career at Goddard Space Flight Center in Washington, D.C., but continued working as a government contractor until the time of his death. He worked with the NASA outreach program, sharing his passion for space with schools and youth programs, inspiring kids to reach for the stars. Keith is

preceded in death by his father, Albert, and mother, Lorraine. He is survived by his children, Aaron and Jessica, and his four siblings, Richard, James, Regina, and Carl. A funeral service will be held in the spring at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. A second notice will be published in spring with details of his service.

## O B I T U A R I E S

*Thomas W. Haley, 97*

MONSON — Thomas W. Haley, 97, of Monson, passed away Dec. 23, 2020, at Palmer Healthcare Center.

He was born Dec. 3, 1923, in Monson, son of Thomas W. and Nora (Calhoon) Haley. Thomas was raised in Brimfield and attended Brimfield Hitchcock Free Academy, where he would first meet his eventual wife Anne Skowryra. He later attended Western New England College.

Thomas proudly enlisted and served his country in the United States Coast Guard during World War II, where he was stationed in the remote Aleutian Islands patrolling for submarines. Following the war he would return to Massachusetts to settle in Monson, where he remained a member of the American Legion Post 241. He also maintained his enthusiasm for public service as a member of the Democratic

Town Committee and the Monson Board of Selectmen.

During the late 1950s, Thomas owned and ran the Spudnut breakfast cafe on Route 20. He would later turn to various local ventures that included dairy and turkey farming. Tom worked his later years and would eventually retire from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, where he was the farm superintendent at Hampden County Jail.

In his leisure, he was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf. He was also an accomplished craftsman and builder. In the early 90s he built homes and a barn on a plot of land he had purchased on Silver Street. After a brief move to Florida, he and Anne would return to



Monson and Silver Street to live adjacent to his sons Dennis and Thomas.

He will be deeply missed by his children, Thomas Haley and Paula Haley, both of Monson, and Jerome Haley of Australia; daughters-in-law Esther Haley and Jacquelyn Haley of Monson and Michelle Haley of Perth Australia. He is also survived by six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Anne (Skowryra) Haley, and two sons, Dennis and Michael Haley. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. For more information visit beersandstory.com.

*Darryl L. Pobieglo, 53*

PALMER — Darryl L. Pobieglo, 53, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 26, 2020.

Born in Palmer on Feb. 17, 1967, he was the son of the late John L. and Elizabeth (Lajzer) Pobieglo, currently of Wilbraham. Darryl has lived in Palmer for all of his life. Hunting, fishing and long motorcycle rides, especially on the Harley, were things that Darryl enjoyed in his leisure.

His love for football was always a part of his life, from growing up playing to then coaching his sons and teaching his daughter to be a Patriots fan just like him. The ocean was often a place that Darryl visited with his wife, Patty, as they loved their yearly trips to Cape Cod together. As

a truck driver, Darryl saw the country and loved the time he spent with Patty riding along with him each trip.

Darryl's greatest pride and joy was his family and spending time with them.

On Aug. 8, 2020, Darryl was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Foxhill. He will be dearly missed by his mother along with his children, Kyle Pobieglo and his wife Ashley of Palmer, Catelin Chamberland and her husband Jacob of Torrington, Conn., and Gregory Pobieglo of Townsend. His memory will forever be cherished by his sister, Tracy Parker and her husband, Roger and two



children Amberlee and Alex of Wilbraham along with his four grandchildren, Alissa, Jenna, Anna, and Cooper.

He will be missed by his late wife's children Stephanie, Daniel, Ashley, Holly, Trish and their children.

A Memorial Mass was held Monday, Jan. 4, at Divine Mercy Parish.

Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. Please consider donations in his memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital, as his grandchildren held a very special place in his heart. For details, visit beersandstory.com.

*Rev. William W. Webb Sr., 84*

THORNDIKE — The Rev. William W. Webb, Sr., 84, died peacefully on Jan. 1, 2021, at home surrounded by his family.

Born Oct. 15, 1936 in Chester, he was the son of George H. and Birgit (Klementsen) Webb. Bill grew up in Chester and moved to Bondsville in 1976.

He was a devoted Christian, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He dedicated 45 years as the Minister at New Birth Christian Church, a church he and his wife founded.

Bill was predeceased by his wife Charlotte L. (Therique) Webb (2018), and two sons, Ricky Webb (2005) and Robert

Buzzeo (2020). He will be deeply missed by seven children: Birgit McGuire of Ware; Michelle McDaniel (Rick) of Glen Allen, Va.; William Webb Jr. (Lori) of Palmer; Cynthia Webb of South Carolina; Christina Webb of Palmer; Christopher Webb (Rachel) of Texas; and Daniel Webb of Norton.

His 20 cherished grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren will help to carry on his legacy.

A virtual funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday,



Jan. 7, 2021, streamed live via the New Birth Christian Church Facebook page. Burial will be private.

Walk through visitation will be held 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Thursday at New Birth Christian Church, 4025 Church St. in Thorndike.

For those wishing to honor his memory, donations may be made to New Birth Christian Church, PO Box 167, Thorndike, MA 01079. For more information or to sign the online guest book, visit beersandstory.com.

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Property location: Leno Road 3/B/19 Description of Parcel: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 20000 SQ. FT. being described as Map: 3 Block: B Lot: 19 in the office of the assessors of the town of Holland identified in Book 3433 on Page 273 at the Hampden county registry of deeds.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said complaint you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer, under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said complaint, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Courthouse located on Three Pemberton Square, Room 507 in Boston, MA 02108), on or before the fifteenth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-one.

Unless an appearance is

so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said complaint will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said complaint or any judgment entered thereon.

And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published forthwith once in the Journal Register a newspaper published in Palmer .

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this twenty-second day of December in the year two thousand and twenty,

Attest with Seal of said Court.

**Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder Plaintiff's Attorney: Michael R. Siddall, Esq., Siddall & Siddall, P.C., Sovereign Bank Building, 1350 Main St., Suite 210, Springfield, MA 01103-1628 (413) 732-3600 01/07/2021

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Brandon Fiske of 765 High Street, Clinton, MA, 01510.

The applicant is requesting a determination to see if the work associated with the construction of a single family home, driveway, sewer and water connection, and lawn area is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Work is proposed within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands on the site.

The location of the proposed project is 25 Elizabeth Street, Palmer, MA 01069 and is also known as: Assessor's Map 29-65-2.

Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair Palmer Conservation Commission 01/07/2021

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131,

Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Milone & Macbroom, Inc. c/o the Town of Palmer of 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01066.

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the replacement of existing twin culverts at the intersection of Route 181 with Thorndike Road. The work is proposed within Riverfront Area, Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, Inland Bank, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), and the Buffer Zone to BVW.

The project site is located at Route 181 at Thorndike Road, Palmer, MA 01069 and is also known as: Map ROW.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS20A0042AD CITATION G.L. c. 210, § 6 In the matter of: Kaylyn Elizabeth Atha To: Jason W Atha**

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

**Anthony Cortesi of Belchertown, MA Jocelyn Atha of Belchertown, MA** requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

**Kaylyn Elizabeth Cortesi If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.** An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Northampton ON OR BEFORE TEN**

**O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 01/20/2021**

WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 18, 2020 **Michael J Carey** Register of Probate 12/24, 12/31/2020, 1/07/2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mary Ellen Barker to CitiFinancial Services, Inc., dated July 25, 2005 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15204, Page 438 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Argolica LLC is the present holder by Assignment from CitiFinancial Services, Inc. to CitiFinancial, Inc. dated May 28, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19857, Page 150, and Assignment from CitiFinancial Servicing LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company, successor by merger to CitiFinancial Services, Inc. to CitiFinancial Servicing LLC dated December 20, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20143, Page 473, and Assignment from CFNA Receivables (MD), Inc. f/k/a CitiFinancial, Inc. to CitiFinancial Servicing LLC dated May 11, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21173, Page 528, and Assignment from CitiFinancial Servicing LLC to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC dated July 10, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21768, Page 442, and Assignment from Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to Koitere Dispositions, LLC dated May 11, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22226, Page 207, and Assignment from Koitere Dispositions, LLC to Atlantica, LLC dated May 11, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22226, Page 208, and Assignment from Atlantica, LLC to Anthium, LLC dated June 20, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22226, Page 209, and Assignment from Anthium, LLC to Alaska Louisiana Partners, A Limited Partnership dated February 28, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23109, Page 145, and Assignment from Alaska Louisiana Partners, A Limited Partnership to Argolica LLC dated May 20, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23259, Page 185, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 85 Upper Palmer Road, Monson, MA 01057 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on January 25, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon, situate in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Upper Palmer Road, formerly known as Margaret Street, Granite Street, and Quarry Road. Bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly side of said Upper Palmer Road, at the northwest corner of the tract to be conveyed and at the southwest corner of land now or formerly of John S. And Catherine A. Arooth; thence

S. 71 degrees 43' 05" E. Along land of said Arooth, one hundred forty-five (145) feet to a brook; thence

Southerly along said brook two hundred fifty-five (255) feet to a point in line of land now or formerly of one stock; thence

N. 71 decrees 43' 05" W. Along last named land, to the easterly side of said Upper Palmer Road; thence

Northerly along the easterly side of said Upper Palmer Road, two hundred fifty-five (255) feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Mary Ellen Barker by deed from Alan M. Barker, Mary Ellen Barker and Frances R. Barker recorded 04/04/1996 in Deed Book 9440 Page 270, in the Registry of Deeds Plan for Hampden County, Massachusetts.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 9440, Page 270.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

**Terms of the Sale:** Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**

Argolica LLC Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Barker, Mary, 13-012933 12/31/2020, 1/07, 1/14/2021

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM** on the application of BSC Group c/o the New England Power Company of 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451.

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with proposed improvements to an existing access road along the O15N Transmission Line Right-of-Way (ROW), located off West Ware Road. The work is proposed within the 100-foot Buffer Zone and the locally protected 50-foot No Disturb Zone to adjacent wetlands.

The project site is located at the O15N Transmission Line Right-of-Way (ROW) off West Ware Road, Palmer, MA 01069,

and is also known as: Map 44-43.

Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair Palmer Conservation Commission 01/07/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P0562EA Estate of: Maurice Esdras Dufresne Date of Death: 12/14/2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Virginia R Wright of Feeding Hills MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/25/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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TO WIT: The land in said Holland situated on the westerly side of East Brimfield Road, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner thereof, at an iron pipe on the westerly side of said East Brimfield Road, distant 592 feet southerly from a stone wall at land now or formerly of the heirs of Theodore E. Blodgett; thence WESTERLY: by land now or formerly of Lewis F. Blodgett, 122 feet to an iron pipe at a stone wall; thence NORTHERLY: along a stone wall by land of said Blodgett, about 307.4 feet to an iron pipe at land conveyed by the grantees to Edward E. Lewis et ux.; thence EASTERLY: by land of Lewis, about 204 feet to an iron pipe on the westerly side of East Brimfield Road; and thence SOUTHERLY: 300 Feet, more or less, along the westerly side of East Brimfield Road to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2485, P 498, B 3252, Page 3, B 15349, P 354.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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# Police/Fire

## Police Logs

### PALMER POLICE DEPT.

The Palmer Police Department responded to 11 arrests or summons for arrest from Dec. 22 to Dec. 29. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

- Tuesday, Dec. 22
- Chrissy M. Flowers, 33, of 59 North St. Apt. #1F, Ware, was arrested at 9:34 a.m. on North Main Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of drugs; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; child endangerment while operating under the influence and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
- Thursday, Dec. 24
- Robert Gale, 48 of 56 Florida Dr., Agawam, was arrested at 10:04 a.m., on Wright Street in Palmer, on two warrants and possession of a Class B drug.
- Saturday, Dec. 26
- Angel L. Prosper, 35, of 366 Grove St. Apt. #3, Chicopee, was arrested at 6:07 p.m., on Ware Street in Thorndike, on a warrant.
- Sunday, Dec. 27
- Tariq R. Lowe, 29, of 39 Warner St. FL Apt. #2, Springfield, was arrested at 1:23 a.m., in the area of Main Street and Bourne Street in Three Rivers, on charges of an unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; a motor vehicle lights violation and having no inspection sticker.

Tariq R. Lowe, 29, of 39 Warner St. FL Apt. #2, Springfield, was arrested at 2:07 a.m., on Main Street in Three Rivers, on charges of an unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; a motor vehicle light violation and having no inspection sticker.

- Monday, Dec. 28
- Roberto Aponte Santiago, 26 of 288 Pine St., Holyoke, was arrested at 2:08 a.m., on Shearer Street in Palmer, on a warrant.
- James FH Chabot, 29, of 1 Emelda St., Palmer, was arrested at 10:01 p.m., on Jim Ash Street in Bondsville, on charges including negligent operation of a motor vehicle; leaving scene of property damage; a marked lanes violation; operation under the influence of liquor (third offense); possession of a Class B drug and operating after license or right to suspended.
- MONSON POLICE DEPT.
- The Monson Police Department responded to four arrests or summons for arrest from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:
- Monday, Dec. 28
- Lance James Hopkins, 29, of 87 May Hill Rd., Monson, was arrested at 7:56 p.m., on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and a marked lanes violation.

## Fire Logs

### PALMER FIRE DEPT.

The Palmer Fire Department responded to nine calls from Dec. 30 through Jan. 4.

- On Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 10:56 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 11:20 a.m.
- On Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 12:47 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 1:02 p.m.
- On Thursday, Dec. 31, at 1:17 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Beacon Street. The department returned to service at 1:44 p.m.
- On Friday, Jan. 1, at 12:36 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 12:52 p.m.
- On Saturday, Jan. 2, at 10:27 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Beacon Street. The department returned to service at 10:57 p.m.
- On Saturday, Jan. 2, at 10:57 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Wright Street. The department returned to service at 11:18 a.m.
- On Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6:01 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on the Mass Pike. The department returned to service at 6:44

- p.m.
- On Monday, Dec. 4, at 11:59 p.m., the smoke detector activation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 12:11 p.m.
- On Monday, Dec. 4, at 2:25 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 2:29 p.m.
- THREE RIVERS FIRE DEPT
- The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to two calls from Dec. 29 through Jan. 1.
- On Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 9:27 a.m., the department responded to a call for mutual aid for the Ware Fire Department for a building fire. The department returned to service at 10:40 a.m.
- On Friday, Jan. 1, at 12:42 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Baptist Hill Road. The department returned to service at 1:12 a.m.
- BONDVILLE FIRE DEPT.
- The Bondsville Fire Department responded to four calls from Dec. 29 through Jan. 4.
- On Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 10:50 a.m., the duty officer responded to a call to assist Palmer police. The department returned to

- service at 12:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, Dec. 31, at 11:29 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting a smoke investigation in Palmer Road and Fuller Road. The department returned to service at 11:44 a.m.
- On Friday, Jan. 1, at 1:00 p.m., the duty officer responded to the station to assist Palmer Police. The department returned to service at 2:40 p.m.
- On Saturday, Jan. 1, at 7:19 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Emery Street. The department returned to service at 7:54 p.m.
- MONSON FIRE DEPT.
- The Monson Fire Department responded to three calls and 12 EMS calls Dec. 28 through Jan. 3.
- On Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 1:38 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Stafford Road. The department returned to service at 2:04 p.m.
- On Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 5:11 p.m., the department responded to a chimney fire on State Street. The department returned to service at 7:25 p.m.
- On Saturday, Jan. 2, at 8:38 a.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Country Club Heights. The department returned to service at 9:10 a.m.

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